



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: October 31, 2003

To: Health and Human Services Committee

Subject: Presentation on Decreasing Barriers to Contraceptives in School Based Clinics – Summary of Study Findings

Recommendation:
Receive and file report.

Previous Directives: None

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Background/Supporting Information Attached:

This presentation will summarize findings from a study that evaluated a policy change that took place in 1998, when our School Based Clinics switched from a voucher method to direct dispensing of contraceptives. This policy change was aimed at improving access to contraceptives for sexually active adolescents and at addressing high teen pregnancy rates. The study found the voucher system to be very inefficient and the new system a great improvement. The study also found that the policy change did not create a change in demand for contraceptives.